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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: THOMAS RITZDORF ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/386,734

FILED: August 31, 1999

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOW-
TEMPERATURE ANNEALING OF METALLIZATION
MICROSTRUCTURES IN THE PRODUCTION OF A
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE

EXAMINER: G.P.
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

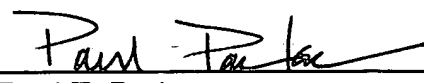
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed May 2, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 36, 37, 40, 71, 73, 75, 117-182, and 186-215. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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